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# **HOUSE BILL 2209**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1444, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 15-1444, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4              15-1444. General powers of district governing boards

5              A. Except as otherwise provided, the district board shall:

6               1. Maintain each community college for a period of not less than eight  
7 months in each year and, if the funds of the district are sufficient,  
8 maintain each community college for a longer period.

9               2. Adopt policies in a public forum to offer programs that meet the  
10 educational needs of the population served by the community college.

11              3. Enforce the courses of study prescribed by the district board.

12              4. Visit each community college under its jurisdiction and examine  
13 carefully into its management, conditions and needs.

14              5. Exclude from each community college all books, publications or  
15 papers of a sectarian, partisan or denominational character intended for use  
16 as textbooks.

17              6. Appoint and employ a chancellor or chancellors, vice-chancellors, a  
18 president or presidents, vice-presidents, deans, professors, instructors,  
19 lecturers, fellows and such other officers and employees it deems necessary.  
20 The district board may enter into employment contracts with chancellors,  
21 vice-chancellors and presidents for a duration of more than one year but not  
22 more than five years.

23              7. Determine the salaries of persons it appoints and employs.

24              8. Remove any officer or employee if in its judgment the interests of  
25 education in this state require the removal.

26              9. Award degrees, certificates and diplomas upon the completion of  
27 courses and curriculum as it deems appropriate.

28              10. Appoint or employ, if it deems necessary, police officers who shall  
29 have the authority and power of peace officers. The police officers who have  
30 received a certificate from the Arizona peace officer standards and training  
31 board are eligible for membership in and benefits under either title 38,  
32 chapter 5, article 2 or the public safety personnel retirement system under  
33 title 38, chapter 5, article 4.

34              11. Determine the location within the district of a community college  
35 and purchase, receive, hold, make and take leases of, sell and convey real or  
36 personal property for the benefit of the community colleges under its  
37 jurisdiction.

38              12. Obtain insurance or be self-insured, or a combination of insurance  
39 and self-insurance, against loss, to the extent it is determined necessary on  
40 community college buildings of the district. The local district shall have  
41 an insurable interest in the buildings.

42              13. SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT BY SEPTEMBER 15 ON ANY PARTNERSHIPS ENTERED  
43 INTO BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND A UNIVERSITY OR A HIGH SCHOOL, OR BOTH, TO  
44 TRANSITION STUDENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE  
45 UNIVERSITY, BETWEEN THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, OR

1       BETWEEN THE HIGH SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE UNIVERSITY.  
2       THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
3       SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE BOARD SHALL  
4       PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF  
5       THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.

6       B. The district board may:

7           1. Administer trusts declared or created for the district and receive  
8       by gift or devise and hold in trust or otherwise property wheresoever  
9       located, and if not otherwise provided, dispose of the property for the  
10      benefit of the district.

11          2. Lease real property, as lessor or as lessee. If a district is the  
12       lessee, the lease may contain an option to purchase the property. The  
13       district board may adopt policies as are deemed necessary and may delegate in  
14       writing to the chancellor or president of the district, or their designees,  
15       all or any part of its authority to lease property under this paragraph. A  
16       district board shall not delegate the authority to execute a lease that  
17       exceeds one hundred thousand dollars per year. Any delegation by the  
18       district board pursuant to this paragraph may be rescinded in whole or in  
19       part at any time by the district board.

20          3. Sue and be sued.

21          4. Contract. The district board may adopt such policies as are deemed  
22       necessary and may delegate in writing to the chancellor or president of the  
23       district, or their designees, all or any part of its authority to contract  
24       under this paragraph. Any delegation of authority under this paragraph may  
25       be rescinded by the district board at any time in whole or in part.

26          5. Construct, remodel and repair buildings.

27          6. In conjunction with other districts, establish policies for  
28       procurement of goods and services.

29          7. Provide a plan or plans for employee benefits which may include  
30       optional retirement programs pursuant to section 15-1451, subsection A, which  
31       allow for participation in a cafeteria plan that meets the requirements of  
32       the United States internal revenue code of 1986.

33          8. Accept grants or donations of monies from the United States, or  
34       from any of its agencies, departments or officers, or from persons,  
35       corporations, foundations or associations. A district board shall deposit  
36       the monies into a specific fund or account and a district board shall  
37       administer the monies in accordance with the purpose of the grant or donation  
38       with specific policies or restrictions as described or stipulated in the  
39       grant or donation. In the case of personal property granted or donated to or  
40       for the benefit of a community college district, a district board shall  
41       immediately transfer possession and ownership of the property to the  
42       designated district.

43          9. Enter into intergovernmental agreements or contracts pursuant to  
44       section 11-952.01 for participation in programs offered by public agency  
45       pools or separately contract with a trustee or board of trustees that

1 provides a common self-insurance program with pooled funds and risks pursuant  
2 to section 15-382, subsection B, paragraph 2. The district board is not  
3 required to engage in competitive procurement in order to make the decision  
4 to participate in these programs.

5 C. If a district acquires real or personal property, whether by  
6 purchase, exchange, condemnation, gift or otherwise, the district shall pay  
7 to the county treasurer any taxes on the property that were unpaid as of the  
8 date of acquisition, including penalties and interest. The lien for unpaid  
9 delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on property acquired by the  
10 district:

11 1. Is not abated, extinguished, discharged or merged in the title to  
12 the property.

13 2. Is enforceable in the same manner as other delinquent tax liens.

14 D. From and after December 31, 1988, in a district whose boundaries  
15 encompass a vehicle emissions control area as defined in section 49-541 the  
16 district board shall require all out of county and out of state students to  
17 sign an affidavit at the time of course registration that the student's  
18 vehicle meets the requirements of section 49-542. From and after December  
19 31, 1988, the district board on property under its jurisdiction within a  
20 vehicle emissions control area shall prohibit the parking of those vehicles  
21 which fail to comply with section 49-542.

22 E. A community college district and a joint technological education  
23 district governing board may enter into agreements for the provision of  
24 administrative, operational and educational services and facilities.

25 F. Each district may establish a program for the exchange of students  
26 between the community colleges under its jurisdiction and colleges and  
27 universities located in Sonora, Mexico. The program may provide for in-state  
28 tuition for Sonora students at the community colleges under ~~its~~ THE  
29 jurisdiction OF THE DISTRICT in exchange for similar tuition provisions for  
30 Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonora colleges and  
31 universities. The community colleges may work in conjunction with the  
32 Arizona-Mexico commission in the governor's office to coordinate recruitment  
33 and admissions activities to provide for in-state tuition for up to fifty  
34 Sonora students at the community colleges under ~~its~~ THE jurisdiction OF THE  
35 DISTRICT in exchange for similar tuition provisions for up to fifty total  
36 Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonora colleges and  
37 universities.

38 G. Each district shall facilitate transfer articulation coordination  
39 pursuant to section 15-1824.